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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO JULY 7, 1994 OFFICE ACTION  
AND REQUEST FOR THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

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SIR:

This Amendment is in response to the July 7, 1994 Office Action issued in the above-identified application. A response to the Office Action was originally due October 7, 1994. Applicants hereby request a three-month extension of time for responding to the July 7 Office Action and encloses the required fee for this extension. Accordingly, the period for responding to the July 7, 1994 Office Action now ends January 7, 1995. However, since January 7 was a Saturday, the response is due the next business day, namely Monday, January 9, 1995, and this Amendment is therefore timely filed.

Please amend the subject application as follows:

In the claims:

Amend claims 164, 167, 173 and 174 as follows:

In claims 164 and 173, the third 'wherein' clause, first line, after the term "directly or", delete the word "indirectly".

Rewrite claim 167 as follows:

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167. (amended) A complex useful as a probe for detecting the presence or absence of a nucleic acid, said complex comprising